

apparatus that includes memory means, means for inputting/outputting information to/from the memory means, means for detecting a specific input/output request from an external device, and means for inputting/outputting the information between the external device and the memory means, when the input/output request is detected. The memory means is rewritable from a device external to the apparatus.

Japanese Application No. 63-290436 is understood to disclose a document communication apparatus that creates a transmission document by coding document information to be transmitted; detects, by a communication control unit, whether or not character and control codes used in the transmission document coincide with a code processing capability range of a terminal device on a reception side; and transmits the transmission document to the reception side if the character and control codes coincide with the code processing capability range. The apparatus is provided with a conversion dictionary and an automatic conversion unit. If it is detected by the communication control unit that the character and control codes do not coincide with the code processing capability range, the automatic conversion unit converts the transmission document into character and control codes capable of being processed by the terminal device on the reception side, using the conversion dictionary, and then the converted codes are transmitted to the terminal device on the reception side.

Japanese Application No. 1-173224 is understood to disclose a peripheral control apparatus that controls operations of peripheral devices, each including a display unit that displays a character code designated by and transferred from a high-order apparatus. The control apparatus includes code conversion means for converting the character code, transferred from the high-order apparatus to be displayed on the display units included in the peripheral devices, into a character code determined on the side of the peripheral devices.

Applicants submit that neither of Japanese Application Nos. 4-151962, 62-154842, nor 1-173224 discloses or suggests the code data conversion feature of the present invention, as claimed in the pending claims.


Further, although Japanese Application No. 63-290436 discloses an automatic conversion unit, apparently that unit merely performs a code conversion to adapt a processed code to a processing capability of the receiver side in a data transmission procedure. Thus, like the other cited references, Applicants submit that this reference also fails to disclose or suggest the code data conversion feature of the present invention, as claimed in the pending claims.

Accordingly, pending Claims 38-77 are submitted to be patentable over the references cited in the IDS submitted herewith.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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